



March 27, 2020

Dear Brothers,

I am very grateful for all the efforts you and your parish staffs have made to provide for the spiritual needs of your parishioners during these difficult days of suffering and uncertainty. You may have seen the flyer in the PC News recently, **Pastoral Ministry to the Faithful During COVID-19** ([link](#)), which gives additional suggestions for outreach and support to your parish community.

Bishop Burns is strongly encouraging all priests and parish staff members and leaders to set aside time to make phone calls to each member of the parish in order to give them support, check on their well-being, ask for their special prayer intentions, and if comfortable, pray with them over the phone. A personal call from you or from a staff member or parish leader can be a source of hope and faith during this most stressful and fearful time in our world.

We believe God continues to guide and direct our lives especially, through each of you, as you share compassion and mercy with your parish community. Thank you for taking the time to make a personal call as it can be an assurance that God is always with us.

Thank you again for all that you are already doing to minister to your parish community and letting them know you are there for them and their families. May God bless you and your parishioners during a Lenten time like no other we have ever experienced.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Kelly".

Most Reverend Greg Kelly, VG
Auxiliary Bishop of Dallas